

Justice Dept. Appeals Wiretap Ban

The Justice Department has appealed a District Court ruling that it is unconstitutional to wiretap phones of domestic groups without a warrant.

The ruling, the department said, "could result in grave and irreparable harm to legitimate government interests."

The department asked the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the 6th District to order Judge Damon J. Keith of Detroit to vacate a decision favoring Lawrence R. Plummendorf, a White Panther being tried on charges of bombing a Central Intelligence Agency office in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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